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PATENT

Docket No.: 48864-014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shinichi BAN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/198,534

Filed: November 24, 1998

For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A 3-DIMENSIONAL  
DATA OF AN OBJECT AND A METHOD THEREFOR

: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed April 7, 2003. Claims 1-31 and 34-39 are now active in this application.

The indication that claims 26-28 and 36 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

**REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103**

I. Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Munetsugu et al. (USPN 6,141,431; hereinafter Munetsugu).

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*: